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1. In order to cope with the Nationalist bombardment of the Chinese mainland, the Chinese Communists have not only strengthened their air defenses, but they have expanded the 1 Searchlight Regiment of the "Liberation Army" so as to distribute the units among the various air bases along the coastline. On 10 August this Searchlight Regiment was stationed in Shanghai and its headquarters was established within the former air force supply headquarters, on Chi-tai Road, Kiangwan. FAN Yi-chu (范逸初), commander of the 1 Searchlight Regiment, is only a puppet because the actual control of his regiment is in the hands of Peng-Ai-Po-Fu (彭艾波夫), senior Soviet advisor. There are more than twenty Soviet technical personnel in the regiment.
2. A special court has been set up within the regiment to handle mainly cases in which Soviet technical personnel are involved. It is a special privilege enjoyed by the Soviets in China that they are immune from the jurisdiction of the Chinese people's court. Furthermore, there is a special guard-house set up by this regiment, which is actually a concentration camp. Those who were being detained in the guardhouse, as well as the judges, were all Soviet intelligence personnel.
3. The 1 Searchlight Regiment is composed of two stations, a radar station and a base (sic) station. Each unit of the radar station consists of four men. They all live in buildings within various bases and strongholds. The air bases are the Kiangwan, Lungwa, Fongjiao, and Ta-Ch'ang airfields. The strongholds are Shanghai North Station, Shanghai South Station, Shanghai West Station, Chenja (陈嘉) Broadcasting Station, Yangshupu (杨士浦) Power Company, Kiangwan Dockyards at K'ao-Ch'ang Temple (高昌庙), Broadway Mansions at the Garden Bridge, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on the Bund, the Park Hotel on Nanjing Road, Hamilton House on Kinkiang Road, Chiaochoi Park (乔乔公园) on Chiaochoi Road, Race Course, and the Ku-Chia-Ch'iao (屈嘉桥) in Putung.

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